

Safety Factors for Christmas Enumerated by Health Officer

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Use of the evergreen tree during the Christmas season is a custom that originated in Germany well over a century ago. Its annual use has spread to many parts of the world; indeed, so much a part of the yuletide festivity has the Christmas tree become that many people would not consider Christmas complete without one.

Yet, though the modern Christmas tree is safer than the old candlelit tree, it may still be hazardous.

THE TREE ITSELF, however, is only one of the possible hazards. The decorations

frequently constitute another. Bubbling lights that are made to resemble flickering candles, for instance, may be the source of an electric shock to a child who tries to remove one while it is lit.

There are also cases on record where children have broken them and have either inhaled or swallowed the liquid contents. This may give rise to slight disturbances of the central nervous system or, in cases where large amounts are swallowed, to liver or kidney damage.

CHILDREN WHO wish to participate in the Christmas decorating are sometimes given the task of applying

snow spray to windows, trees, and the like, as it is so easy to use. But, though the spray is perfectly harmless when dry, the propellants it contains may be irritating to the lungs.

Even the icicle decoration on the Christmas tree may be a menace to the curious toddler, as its stringiness may cause choking or intestinal obstruction when swallowed. And the attractive trimming made of spun glass that is generally called "angel hair" is capable of producing irritation both inside and out, depending on whether it is handled or is taken internally.

HOWEVER TEMPTING holly and mistletoe berries may appear, they are not meant to be eaten. While it is unlikely

that a child would ingest enough of them to become ill, the possibility should be kept in mind.

But the most common hazard associated with the Christmas tree is fire. This may occur when the tree is set too close to radiators, heaters, fireplaces, or any other heating device, including a television set that is kept on for long periods of time. Fire may also be invited when defective electric wiring or fixtures are used or when electric trains are operated too close to the tree.

THE DANGER OF fire is increased when the tree becomes dry. This can sometimes be avoided by not putting it up too early that it dries out before

Christmas week is over. The tree may also be kept moist by placing the freshly cut base in a container that is kept filled with damp sand or with water. If the needles start dropping off, the tree is no longer safe to have around.

Each year Fire Department warnings are issued concerning the inadvisability of leaving Christmas tree lights burning when away from home. People still do this, and fires that could be avoided if families were at home still occur.

FIRE RETARDANT substances, which are available for purchase under several trade names, may be sprayed on the tree as a safety precaution. Most trees that have been coated with white or colored substances at the time of purchase have been treated with a fire retardant.

If a metal tree is used rather than a natural one, off-the-tree lighting with colored flood lights is recommended. Besides being attractive, it is safer than the use of electric bulbs as it decreases the likelihood of electric shock.

Despite all this, a little sense-

ible planning can make the Christmas tree and its decorations play their traditional part in the Christmas festivity with perfect safety.



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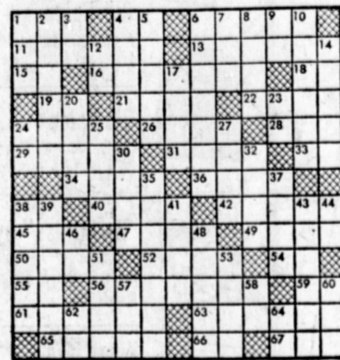
- 1-Total
- 4-Conjunction
- 6-English baby carriage
- 11-Leave
- 12-Lifted
- 13-Cair
- 16-Precious stone
- 18-Neat down
- 19-King of Babylon
- 21-Colorless
- 22-Chair
- 24-Possessive pronoun
- 25-Urdu
- 26-Devoiced
- 28-Let it stand
- 31-Male deer
- 32-Teutonic deity
- 34-Couple
- 35-God of love
- 38-Hebrew month
- 40-Zat away
- 42-Barter
- 43-Place
- 47-Stalk
- 49-Nobleman
- 50-Let it stand
- 52-Dilemma
- 54-Sun god
- 56-Latin conjunction
- 58-Crowds together
- 59-Parent (colloq.)
- 61-Fruit
- 63-Wipes out
- 65-One who estimates
- 66-Printer's measure
- 67-Worm

DOWN

- 1-Girl's name
- 2-Deviation from direct course
- 3-Double play (abbr.)
- 4-Try
- 5-Begin
- 6-Official proof
- 7-Hurried
- 8-Heize



46-Symbol for tellurium (abbr.)
48-Princess
51-Conjunction
53-Gull-like bird
57-Southwestern Indian
58-A continent (abbr.)
60-Beast of Burden
62-Parent (colloq.)
64-Compass point



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